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1. RAINS THREATEN RICE HARVEST (UNCL)
HIGHLY UNSEASONAL RAINS, BROUGHT BY A DEPRESSION WHICH
MOVED IN FROM THE ANDAMAN SEA, HAVE BLANKETED MOST OF THE

SOUTHERN HALF OF BURMA SINCE DECEMBER 31. BECAUSE DRY STORAGE FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE, THE RAIN COULD DAMAGE THE RICE CROP CURRENTLY BEING HARVESTED.

2. AGREEMENT GIVEN SOVIET ENVOY (UNCL)

THE GUB ANNOUNCED ITS AGREEMENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SERGEI SERGEEVITCH GROUZINOV AS THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR, REPLACING ALEXEI IVANOVICH ELIZAVENTINE.

ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT, GROUZINOV WAS THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN ALGERIA FROM 1970-75, AND HAS SINCE BEEN DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT.

3. UNDP TO FINANCE PTT TRAINING CENTER (UNCL)

THE GUB AND UNDP SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL TRAINING CENTER PROJECT. THE UNDP CONTRIBUTION IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.1 MILLION, AND THE GUB COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTION IS ESTIMATED AT 3.1 MILLION KYATS. THE PROJECT WILL BE EXECUTED BY THE ITU IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE UPU.

4. COUP PLOT TRIAL ARGUMENTS CONCLUDED (UNCL)

ON DECEMBER 31 DEFENSE KCOUNSEL CONCLUDED REPLIES TO THE PROSECUTION'S FINAL ARGUMENTS, AND THE COURT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD DELIVER ITS VERDICT IN THE CASE ON JANUARY 11.

5. DECADENT MUSIC, DANCING STILL BANNED (LOU)

THE YEAR- OLD CAMPAIGN AGAINST "DECADENT WESTERN" MUSIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND DANCING WAS CONTINUED ON NEW YEARS EVE IN RANGOON. LOCAL PEOPLE'S COUNCILS WERE INSTRUCTED TO ENFORCE A YEAR-OLD EDICT PROHIBITING ROCK DANCING AND MUSIC. EMBASSY SOURCES STATE THAT ONE PARTY WAS ASKED VERY POLITELY TO DISBAND, WHEREUPON IT PROMPTLY MOVED TO ANOTHER LOCATION AND CONTINUED.

COMMENT: THE BAN WAS INSTITUTED FOLLOWING PRESIDENT NE WIN'S CELEBRATED ATTACK LAST CHRISTMAS ON A ROCK BAND AT A BIG PARTY IN THE INYA LAKE HOTEL. SOME OBSERVERS HAD SPECULATED THAT A MORE LIBERAL CULTURAL CLIMATE MIGHT BE INTRODUCED ALONG WITH THE COUNTRY'S NEW WESTERN-ORIENTED FIRST LADY, BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE BASED ON LITTLE MORE THAN WISHFUL THINKING.
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